

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I be allowed to request that the question time may be extended by 10 minutes? Much time has been taken up by this desultory discussion. The discussion on buses has taken more than 25 minutes.

Consumption and a Sanatoria for its treatment.

271. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased, referring to statistics, if possible.—

A. (1) whether 'consumption' has not been steadily on the increase among people within the State, during the last ten years;

(2) whether tubercular patients are refused admission into our hospitals;

(3) and whether in-patients developing symptoms of consumption are forthwith discharged;

B. has the Government investigated the suitability of any part of the State, to establish sanatoria for the treatment of consumption according to Western methods?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A (1) There is an increase in the number of cases of tubercle of lungs seeking treatment.

(2) Not all tubercular patients. Cases of tubercle of lungs are not, as a rule, admitted into the wards.

(3) In-patients developing unmistakable symptoms of consumption are, as a rule, discharged.

B. No; because the climate of this country is unsuited for sanatoria for pulmonary tuberculosis.

Venerial diseases.

272. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state, referring to statistics, if possible.—

(a) whether venerial diseases have not been unfortunately on the increase among the people of the State during the last ten years;

(b) whether such State control as is exercised in other countries to prevent the spread of the disease is not feasible and possible?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) It is not possible to furnish the information, but the statistics of the cases admitted and treated in the State medical institutions during the last three years stand as follows:—

Year.	<i>Syphilis.</i>	<i>Gonorrhoea.</i>
1099	4,691	2,237
1100	6,266	2,870
1101	5,990	3,022

These figures do not incontrovertibly prove that venereal diseases are on the increase in the State. They prove that a larger number of such cases is taken to hospital treatment.

(b) The matter will receive the consideration of the Government.

Typhoid and other enteric fevers.

273. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state, referring to statistics, if possible.—

(1) whether typhoid and other enteric fevers have not been on the increase, among the people of the State, during the last ten years;

(2) whether the Government proposes to take any effective measures to combat the evil?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) It is not possible to furnish the information. Statistics of the cases admitted and treated in the hospitals and dispensaries of the State during the last three years stand as follows.—

1099	..	1,323
1100		1,862
1101		1,419

These figures do not incontrovertibly prove that typhoid and other enteric fevers are on the increase in the State. They prove that a larger number of such cases is taken to the hospital for treatment.

(2) No effective measures to combat the evil are practicable under existing conditions. The Ernakulam Town possesses the best preventive measure in the provision of a protected water supply. Education of the masses in sanitary principles and special propaganda work are all that can be attempted by the Government, and they are being done, as far as possible.

The supply of Alwaye water to Mattancheri.

274. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the date on which they accepted Mr. S. S. Koder's resolution to give the town of Mattancheri a moderate supply of Alwaye water for drinking purposes;

(b) the steps taken up-to-date to supply the same;

(c) the state in which the matter stands at present;

(d) the scheme or schemes they contemplate for carrying out of the purpose of the resolution;

(e) the difficulties, if any, they have to contend in fulfilling the obligations arising to supply water by accepting the resolution;